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***APPLICATIONS BEING TAKEN FOR NEW COMMISSION ON INDIGENT
DEFENSE***

Commission to Nominate State Capital Postconviction Public Defender

PHOENIX – The Office of Governor Janet Napolitano is seeking applicants for five positions on the Nomination, Retention and Standards Commission on Indigent Defense. The new panel is being created by SB 1376, a law that was passed by the legislature and signed into law earlier this year.

Available positions include two public defenders, one criminal defense attorney and two private citizens. Private citizen members must not be judges, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, or court-appointed employees.

The commission will collect, review, and forward to the Governor nominees for the State Capital Postconviction Public Defender Office. This office will represent qualified indigent defendants in capital postconviction relief proceedings.

Qualified applicants may access an application through the Governor's website at www.azgovernor.gov and send it and a current resume to:

Nomination, Retention and Standards Commission on Indigent Defense
Office of Boards and Commissions
1700 W. Washington, 1st Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Completed applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, September 15, 2006.

The commission is expected to convene in mid-October.